

been settled by Orissa and cleared for execution by Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the content of agreement reached for an amicable settlement between the States; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Orissa for flood control on river Vansadhara and the likely submergence of the areas when the proposal Neradi Barrage is taken up thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) The water-disputes between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh have not been resolved. Neradi Barrage, a component of Vansadhara State-II as proposed by Government of Andhra Pradesh was likely to submerge 1326 acres of land in Orissa against 106 acres agreed by Government of Orissa.

(d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a modified proposal in February, 1996 obviating the necessity of Neradi Barrage thus eliminating submergence in Orissa territory. However, concurrence of Orissa Government to the modified proposal has not been received.

Naphtha Component

2918. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) which of the components of Naphtha is most suitable as an input to Gas Cracker;

(b) whether the Naphtha from Assam Crude is less suitable input to the GAS Cracker; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Shailja Committee

2919. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the recommendations made by Shailja Committee relating to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan which have since been accepted by the Government;

(b) whether all the accepted recommendations have been implemented;

(c) if not, the details of implemented ones;

(d) the fate of other recommendations;

(e) the time by which these are likely to be implemented; and

(f) the category-wise details of the teachers posted in Delhi who have been benefited from the implementation of the above recommendations during 1991-97 and 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (e) The Selja Committee made 49 recommendations. A copy of this report is placed in the Parliament Library. All recommendations, with modifications in some, have been accepted. Thirty Nine (39) of these recommendations have been implemented. Action to implement remaining 10 recommendations viz. Nos. 10,11,12,13,15,20,25,34,45 and 48 has been initiated.

(f) Recommendations relate to various academic, administrative and financial matters and matters of procedure. Benefits flowing to teachers due to implementation of the said recommendations are not quantifiable.

Gas Agency

2920. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage for allotment of gas agencies to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled tribes out of the total gas agencies distributed in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government are again releasing quota for distributing gas agencies to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d) The existing policy provides for 25% reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) in the allotment of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products. As on 1.4.1997, there were 308 LPG distributorships in operation in Madhya Pradesh, of which 46 distributorships pertained to SC/ST category. This works out to 15%. The shortfall in the quota is mainly due to the

fact that a number of distributorships had already been opened in Madhya Pradesh before the commencement of the reservation policy.

Opening of LPG distributorships in different parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh is a continuous process and 25% of such distributorships in Madhya Pradesh will continue to be reserved for SC/ST category.

[English]

Brain Drain

2921. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 68 on July 28, 1997 and state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Brain drain a cause for concern in the D.R.D.O." appearing in 'The Times of India' dated May 7, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to make coordinated efforts with other Union Ministries, Institutes of Higher and Technical Education and Industrial Houses to collect figures of Indian emigrants who have left India for ever either for jobs or higher education by the end of March, 1996; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 3% of total strength of scientists/engineers resigned from D.R.D.O. during last three years. While scientists/engineers in D.R.D.O. have challenging tasks, certain percentage of them have joined multinational companies for better compensation (attractive salary and perks).

(c) and (d) the Programme of Action 1992 based on National Policy on Education views the so-called brain-drain as a inevitable global phenomenon with no cause for alarm.

[Translation]

Narmada Project

2922. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased

to state :

(a) whether the Narmada Project is likely to be completed by 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any memorandum has been received by the Union Government to change the height of Narmada Dam;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Project is planned to be completed by 2000 A.D.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. There have been representations for lowering the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam. However, height of Sardar Sarovar Dam has been determined by Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) under its Award and the validity period of the Award is upto 2024 A.D. (45 years after Gazette Notification in 1979).)

[English]

Majuli Island

2923. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Brahmaputra Board has prepared a Master Plan during 1996-97 to train the river system in Assam including desiltation measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount earmarked for control of erosion and flood protection during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any specific scheme for protection of Majuli Island is proposed to be taken up during the current plan period;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme including the amount allocated in the current financial year and for the remaining period of the current Five Year Plan;

(e) whether the Government have asked any agency for hydraulic model study of Majuli Island and the Brahmaputra river system; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?